Filing Company: American Equity Investment Life Insurance State Tracking Number:

Company

Company Tracking Number: 12 E-APTCAP

TOI: A021 Individual Annuities- Deferred Non- Sub-TOI: A021.002 Flexible Premium

Variable

Product Name: 12 E-APTCAP

Project Name/Number: 12 E-APTCAP/12 E-APTCAP

Filing at a Glance

Company: American Equity Investment Life Insurance Company

Product Name: 12 E-APTCAP SERFF Tr Num: AMEQ-128407043 State: Arkansas TOI: A02I Individual Annuities- Deferred Non-SERFF Status: Closed-Approved-State Tr Num:

Variable Closed

Sub-TOI: A02I.002 Flexible Premium Co Tr Num: 12 E-APTCAP State Status: Approved-Closed

Reviewer(s): Linda Bird

Authors: Kathleen Underwood, Disposition Date: 06/18/2012

Tiffany Meuer, Dave Milligan, Troy Christensen, Janine Plettner-Glodt, Erin Wagner, Korley Westvold

Date Submitted: 06/12/2012 Disposition Status: Approved-

Closed

Implementation Date Requested: On Approval Implementation Date:

State Filing Description:

Filing Type: Form

General Information

Project Name: 12 E-APTCAP Status of Filing in Domicile: Pending

Project Number: 12 E-APTCAP

Requested Filing Mode: Review & Approval

Explanation for Combination/Other:

Date Approved in Domicile:

Domicile Status Comments:

Market Type: Individual

Submission Type: New Submission Individual Market Type:

Overall Rate Impact: Filing Status Changed: 06/18/2012
State Status Changed: 06/18/2012

Deemer Date: Created By: Tiffany Meuer

Submitted By: Tiffany Meuer Corresponding Filing Tracking Number:

Filing Description: NAIC #92738

FEIN 42-1153896

June 12, 2012

Filing Company: American Equity Investment Life Insurance State Tracking Number:

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Variable

Product Name: 12 E-APTCAP

Project Name/Number: 12 E-APTCAP/12 E-APTCAP

Re: Form 12 E-APTCAP

We are filing 12 E-APTCAP for your review and approval. It has a Flesch readability score of 50.6. This endorsement will be attached to the following policy forms:

Form # Approval Dated Tracking #
INDEX-19 3/27/2001 Paper Filing
INDEX-26 1/12/2004 SERT-5RWKAK845

This form does not contain inconsistent, ambiguous, unfair, inequitable or misleading clauses, provisions that are against public policy or contain exceptions and conditions that unreasonably affect the risk purported to be assumed in the general coverage of the contract.

We appreciate your assistance with the review and approval of our filing.

Sincerely,

Marla G. Lacey Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer & Associate General Counsel State Narrative:

Company and Contact

Filing Contact Information

Tiffany Meuer, Sr. Product Compliance Analyst tmeuer@american-equity.com

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6000 Westown Pkwy 515-457-1878 [Phone] West Des Moines, IA 50266 515-273-3620 [FAX]

Filing Company Information

American Equity Investment Life Insurance CoCode: 92738 State of Domicile: Iowa

Company

6000 Westown Pkwy Group Code: 2658 Company Type:
West Des Moines, IA 50266 Group Name: State ID Number:

(515) 221-0002 ext. [Phone] FEIN Number: 42-1153896

Filing Fees

Fee Required? Yes
Fee Amount: \$50.00

No

Retaliatory?
Fee Explanation:

Per Company: No

COMPANY AMOUNT DATE PROCESSED TRANSACTION #

American Equity Investment Life Insurance \$50.00 06/12/2012 60067778

Company

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Correspondence Summary

Dispositions

Status	Created By	Created On	Date Submitted
Approved-	Linda Bird	06/18/2012	06/18/2012

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Disposition

Disposition Date: 06/18/2012

Implementation Date:
Status: Approved-Closed

Comment:

Rate data does NOT apply to filing.

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Schedule	Schedule Item	Schedule Item Status Public Access
Supporting Document	Flesch Certification	Yes
Supporting Document	Application	Yes
Supporting Document	Life & Annuity - Acturial Memo	No
Supporting Document	STATEMENT OF VARIABILITY	Yes
Supporting Document	CERTIFICATIONS	Yes
Supporting Document	COVER LETTER	Yes
Form	12 E-APTCAP	Yes

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Form Schedule

Lead Form Number: 12 E-APTCAP

Schedule	Form	Form Type Form Name	Action	Action Specific	Readability	Attachment
Item	Number			Data		
Status						
	12 E- APTCAP	Policy/Cont 12 E-APTCAP ract/Fratern al Certificate: Amendmen t, Insert	Initial		50.600	12 E- APTCAP.pdf
		Page,				
		Endorseme				
		nt or Rider				

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

[6000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266, (888) 221-1234]

ANNUAL POINT TO POINT WITH CAP (APT-CAP) INDEXED VALUE ENDORSEMENT

This Endorsement is part of the Contract. Endorsement(s), rider(s), base Contract and attached Application make up the entire Contract.

APT-CAP VALUE SPECIFICATIONS

Contract No.:	[SPECIMEN]
APT-CAP Index:	[Standard &Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index
APT-CAP Index Price on Contract Date:	[1200]
APT-CAP Initial Premium:	[\$5,000]
APT-CAP Initial Cap:	[6.5%]
APT-CAP Cap Guarantee Period:	1 Contract Year
APT-CAP Guaranteed Minimum Cap	[4%]

ENDORSEMENT BENEFIT

This Endorsement provides an Indexed Value into which you may direct all or any portion of your Initial Premium, and into or from which you may transfer all, or a portion of, your Contract Value under the Transfer of Values Option as described in the Contract. This Indexed Value calculates Index Credits based upon the changes in the annual Index Price on each Contract Anniversary. APT-CAP Index Credits, if any, will be added to your APT-CAP Value on each Contract Anniversary. If the APT-CAP Index is discontinued, we will substitute a suitable alternative index, approved by the insurance department of the Contract issue state, and we will notify you. We may discontinue this Indexed Value by notifying you.

Terms or provisions used in this Endorsement shall take precedence over any conflicting terms or provisions of the Contract.

DEFINITIONS

When we use these words, we mean:

We, our, us: American Equity Investment Life Insurance Company

You, your: The Owner

Endorsement: This Endorsement

Contract: The Contract to which this Endorsement is attached.

Owner: The Owner under the Contract.

Withdrawal Amount(s): Amounts, including applicable Surrender Charges, deducted from your Contract Value to provide the Payee with net Withdrawal Proceeds.

APT-CAP Index Price: APT-CAP Index Price on the Contract Date is shown above. If the APT-CAP Index Price is not available for any Contract Anniversary, we will use the APT-CAP Index Price on the immediately preceding day for which it is available. Indices are published in the Wall Street Journal.

APT-CAP Cap: The percentage which we use in calculating the APT-CAP Index Credit as described below. We declare the APT-CAP Cap annually, which is guaranteed for the APT-CAP Cap Guarantee Period, and will never be less than the APT-CAP Guaranteed Minimum Cap as shown above.

APT-CAP VALUE PROVISIONS

APT-CAP Index Credit: The APT-CAP Index Credit is added to the APT-CAP Value on each Contract Anniversary and is calculated as follows:

- 1. The APT-CAP Index Price on the current Contract Anniversary; minus
- 2. The APT-CAP Index Price on the previous Contract Anniversary (Contract Date for first Contract Year); divided by
- 3. The APT-CAP Index Price on the previous Contract Anniversary (Contract Date for first Contract Year):
- 4. Result not to exceed APT-CAP Cap; multiplied by

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5. The ending APT-CAP Value on the previous Contract Anniversary (Contract Date for first Contract Year), adjusted for any Transferred Values, and less any Withdrawal taken since the previous Contract Anniversary.

Each APT-CAP Index Credit will never be less than zero (0).

APT-CAP Value:

- (1) On Contract Date: APT-CAP Initial Premium shown above.
- (2) At each Contract Anniversary:
- a. The ending APT-CAP Value on the previous Contract Anniversary (Contract Date for first Contract Year); less
 - b. Any Withdrawal Amounts since last Contract Anniversary (Contract Date for first Contract Year); plus
 - c. APT-CAP Index Credit; adjusted for

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- d. Any Transfer of Values into or out of this Indexed Value.
- (3) Between Contract Anniversaries:
 - a. The ending APT-CAP Value on the previous Contract Anniversary (Contract Date for first Contract Year); less
 - b. Any Withdrawal Amounts since the previous Contract Anniversary (Contract Date for first Contract Year).

Any Withdrawals from the APT-CAP Value between Contract Anniversaries will not be credited with any APT-CAP Index Credit for that Contract Year. If we pay out Death Benefits or you select a Settlement Option or you Surrender your Contract between Anniversaries you will forfeit the APT-CAP Index Credit for that Contract Year.

TERMINATION

This Endorsement terminates upon the termination of the Contract to which it is attached.

GENERAL

Unless specifically stated otherwise in this Endorsement, all other definitions, Provisions, and limitations of the Contract apply to this Endorsement.

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Signed for

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Debra J. Richardson Ronald J. Grensteiner

Secretary President

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Supporting Document Schedules

Item Status: Status

Date:

Satisfied - Item: Flesch Certification

Comments: Attachment:

CertRead120612.pdf

Item Status: Status

Date:

Satisfied - Item: Application

Comments:

We plan to use this form with our application form 2000 (Rev), approved by your department March 10, 2000

Item Status: Status

Date:

Satisfied - Item: Life & Annuity - Acturial Memo

Comments: Attachment:

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Item Status: Status

Date:

Satisfied - Item: STATEMENT OF VARIABILITY

Comments:

Attachment:

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Item Status: Status

Date:

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Satisfied - Item: CERTIFICATIONS

Comments:

Attachments:

ARCert1-120612.pdf ARCert2-120612.pdf

Item Status: Status

Date:

Satisfied - Item: COVER LETTER

Comments: Attachment:

AR Cover Letter 120612.pdf

CERTIFICATION

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READABILITY

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY hereby certifies that this achieves a Flesch Reading Ease Test Score of: 50.6

Form: 12 E-APTCAP

Warla G. Lacey
Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer & Associate General Counsel

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June 12, 2012 Date

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE INSURANCE CO. STATEMENT OF VARIABILITY 12 E-APTCAP

I certify only items within brackets listed below are variable. They will vary as follows:

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Address: May change if we move. We will notify current contract holders.

Phone number: May change if necessary. We will notify current contract holders.

Contract No.: Provided at time of issuance of contract.

APT-CAP Index: Index to which these Index Credits are currently linked. It will vary only if it becomes necessary to substitute a suitable alternative index approved by DOI.

APT-CAP Index Price on Contract Date: Index Price to which the Index Credits are currently linked.

APT-CAP Initial Premium: Amount received with the application.

APT-CAP Initial Cap: Range of 1-20%, based on market conditions.

APT-CAP Guaranteed Minimum Cap: Range of 1-4%, based on market conditions.

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Index Disclosure: Index to which these Index Credits a re currently linked. It will vary only if it becomes necessary to substitute a suitable alternative index approved by DOI.

Signatures: Will change only as officer's change.

We certify that any change or modification to a variable item will be filed for prior approval of a change or modification

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Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer, & Associate General Counsel June 12, 2012

CERTIFICATION

Form Number: 12 E-APTCAP

I have reviewed the guidelines for Regulation 19s10B and certify that this form is in compliance with those Guidelines.

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Marla G. Lacey
Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer & Associate General Counsel

June 12, 2012 Date

CERTIFICATION

TO: ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

FROM: AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Forms:

12 E-APTCAP

This is to certify that the attached Form complies with the requirements of Ark. Stat on External Indexed Guidelines. Please be aware of the following:

-Policy Provisions: Form 12 E-APTCAP, Statement of Values is provided to policyholders every year or as requested.

-Disclosure & Advertising: Benefit Summary and Disclosure of Sales Brochurce provided as time of application.

-Agent Education: We have 50,000 licensed agents, which are trained through National Marketing Organizations. We provide seminars, teleconferences, marketing materials and agent packages.

-Nonforfeiture and Reserves: Provided in the actuarial memorandum.

Marla G. Lacey
Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer & Associate General Counsel

June 12, 2012 Date



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